### Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

11/10/21



### Agenda for Today

- Introductions
- Judkins Park Station
- Station Design
- At-Grade Safety Analysis and Actions
- Community Engagement Plans



#### Introductions

- Abel Pacheco, Government & Community Relations Manager for the Central Corridor
- David Wright, Chief Safety Officer
- Jemae Hoffman, Light Rail Development Manager
- Carrie Avila-Mooney, Regional Government & Community Relations Director
- Sanjeev Tandle, Civil Engineering Manager



### Judkins Park Station

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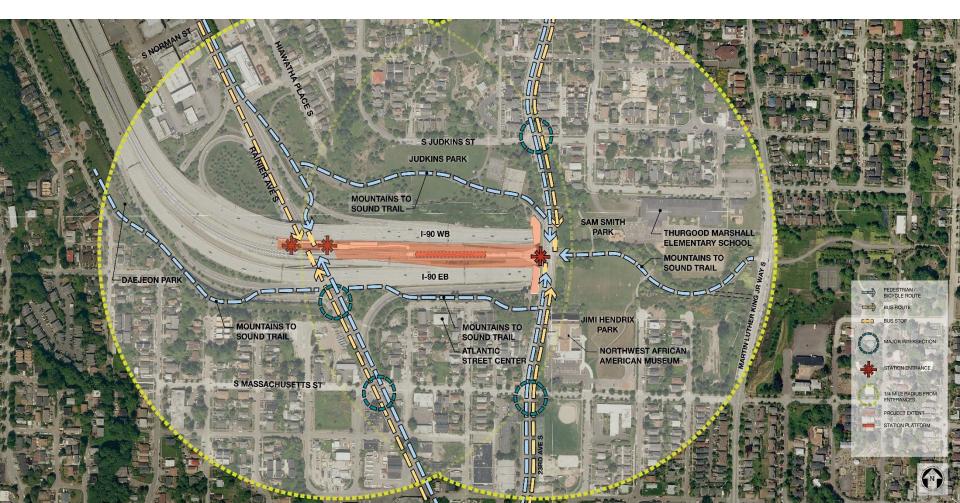
Nov. 2021

Station Completion (civil) January 2022

Systems and Testing: 2022

LINK 2 Line Opening: By June 2023

### **Contextual Overview**



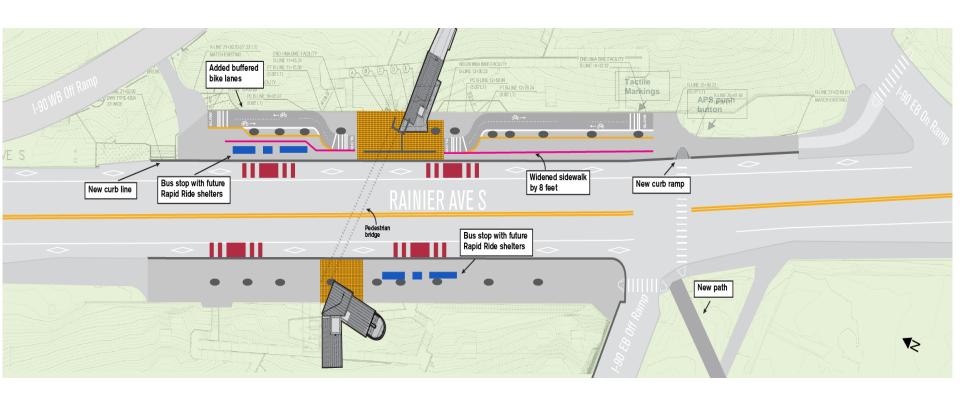
### Station Entrance at 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South





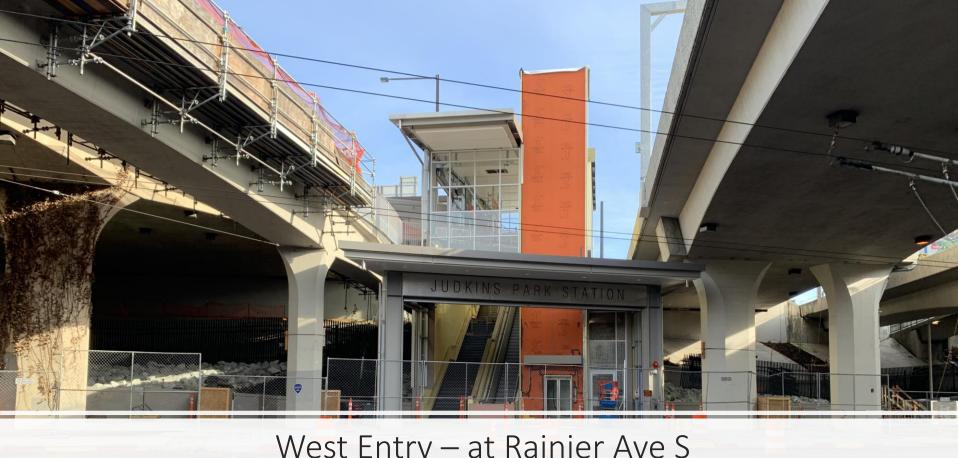
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### West Entry on Rainier Ave S – Site Plan



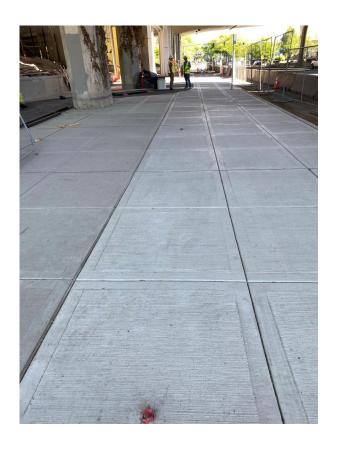
### Pedestrian Bridge Access – west side of Rainier



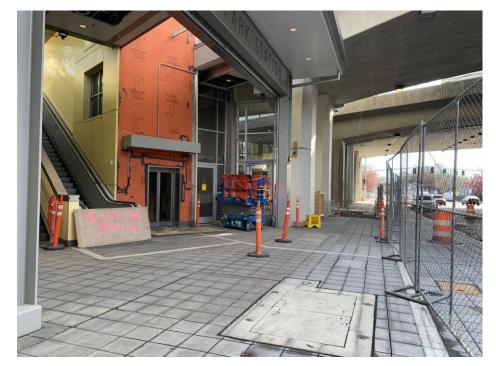


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Sidewalk widened by 8 feet



### West Entry – Bike and Pedestrian Path north of station

Bike path - tactile strip has not been installed yet



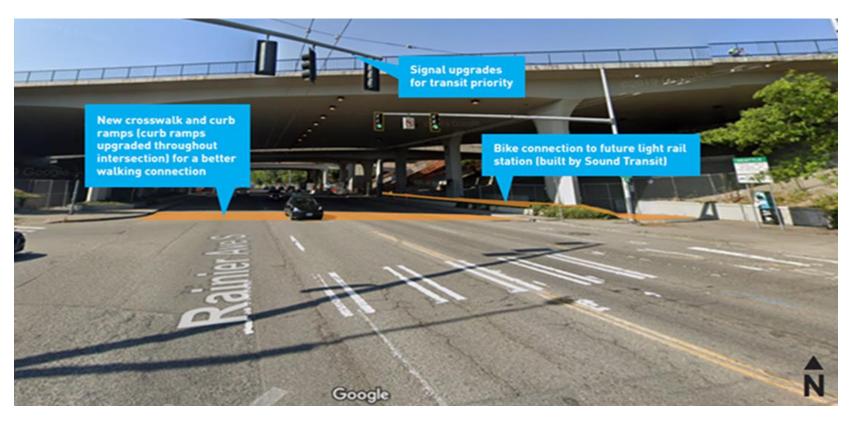


### Rainier Crossing - south of station

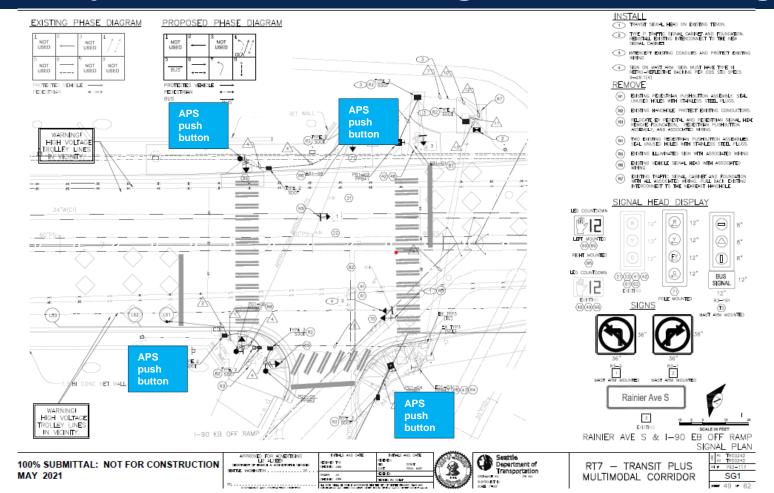




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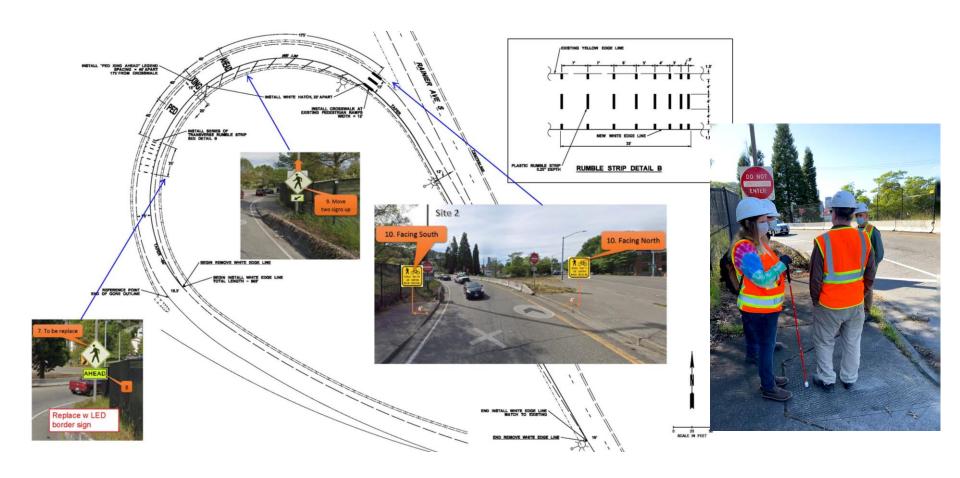
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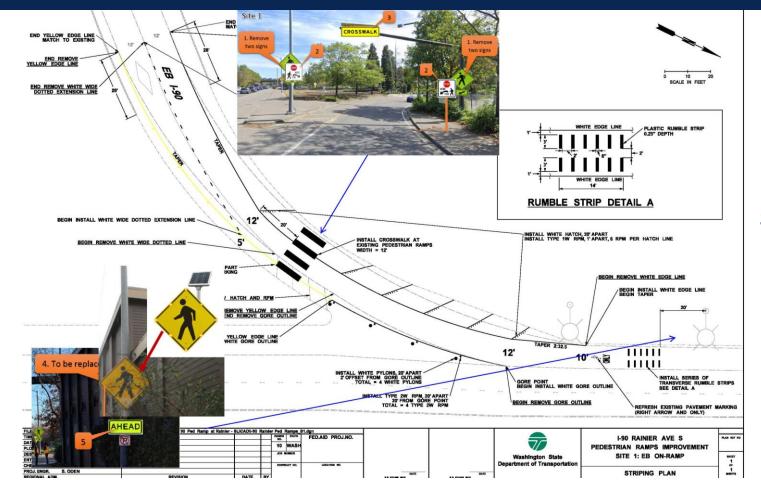


West Bound I-90 off ramp to South Bound Rainier (north of JPS) from the Drivers perspective.







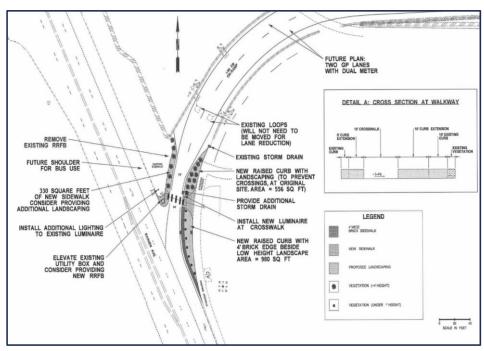


South of JPS, East side of Rainier

# Short Term Solution

#### TWO NEW GP LANES WITH DUAL METER LOOPS CAN FUNCTION IN THEIR **EXISTING LOCATION** REDUCE CROSSWALK LENGTH FROM 33'TO 14 INSTALL YELLOW CROSSHATCHING WITH PYLONS INSTALL NEW PYLONS TO CLOSE OFF EXISTING HOV LANE RESTRIPE EXISTING 17' LANE DOWN TO 14' 20 4° SCALE IN FEET

### Longer Term Solution





# System Access Fund

- In September 2019 Sound Transit awarded City of Seattle \$2.4M from System Access Fund for Judkins Park Station Access
- Includes design and construction for sidewalk upgrades, Hiawatha Place staircase and trail







## Station Design

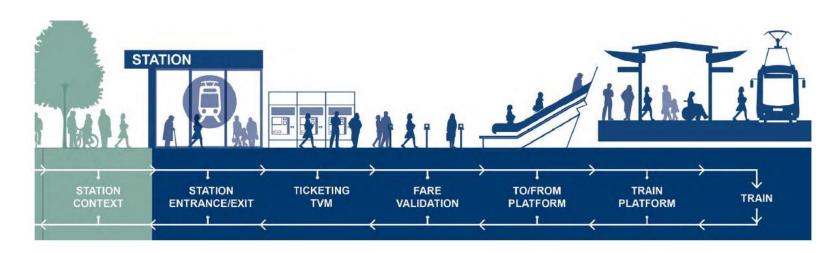
### Best Practices for Station Design

- Sound Transit is undergoing an effort to update our design criteria for future Link stations focusing on the passenger experience
- Simple, Seamless and Intuitive
- Passenger experience is directly supported by efficient maintenance and operations



### Best Practices for Station Design

- Moving to "standardized stations with customized elements"
- Consistent passenger flow



### Lessons Learned for Future Alignments

- Avoid pedestrian track crossings for optimal passenger experience
- Use existing topography to create grade separated station entries
- Provide adequate vertical circulation and redundant elevators for platform access

### Enhancements to Existing Facilities

- Reviewed each year as part of budget process
- Criteria include
  - Feasibility
  - Regulatory Requirements
  - Safety and Security
  - Loss of Service
  - Passenger Needs
  - Loss of Service
  - Urgency



# At-Grade Safety Analysis and Actions

### Current MLK Safety Improvements

- ST at-grade crossing treatments currently meet ADA requirements
- 2017 and 2019 Safety Studies in coordination with SDOT
- Relocated audible devices at the end of the station platforms
  - Provides additional warning to pedestrians and vehicles
- Installed Railroad Pavement Markings (RXR)
  - Left turn lanes along MLK



**Current MLK Safety Improvements** 

- Rainier Beach Station (Installed)
  - ANOTHER TRAIN COMING sign for pedestrians exiting the station
  - New Pedestrian Warning signs (replaced old signs)
- Other Stations (in coming months)
  - Similar Signage





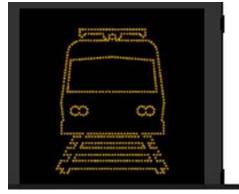




### Current MLK Safety Improvements

- All MLK crossings
  - Replace existing Train Warning signs for left turn vehicles with new signs
  - Alternatively flash Light Rail Symbol and NO LEFT TURN during train presence
  - To be installed in coming months









### Future MLK Safety Improvements

- Update Requirements/Standards for Link Light Rail At-Grade Crossings
- MLK Safety Study
  - Review LRT Crash History along MLK
  - Identify potential at-grade crossings safety improvements
- Non-Expansion Project Link Study
  - To improve safety/operations at link crossings
  - Diagnostic review of all the link crossings against ST Standards to identify improvements



# Community Engagement

### **Current Community Engagement**

Sound Transit is currently engaging with community leaders and members in the Rainier Valley to discuss how to build stronger, enduring relationships in this community we serve; by focusing on what matters to the community, improving communications, and increasing safety.



### Community Engagement

Phase 1- Community conversations

Phase 2- Information Sharing and Planning

Phase 3- Action Phase

Phase 4- Ongoing planning and conversations with the community



### Thank you

